

**FURS.**—There is little new to note, and few skins are offering, a few fox and skunk are coming, \$1.25 being still paid for the former on an average, and from 60 to 80c. for the latter. No furs are coming in yet from the interior, muskrats wont come forward until the ice breaks up on the creeks, and beaver even later. The results of the coming March sales in London have been pretty well discounted, prices being expected to rule pretty low, and the actual result will be anxiously looked for.

**GROCERIES.**—Business on the whole is more active, attributed to improved roads in the country, and to the fact that farmers, especially in this Eastern section, are now moving their surplus of hay and marketing their grain. This has caused payments to improve as well. Activity has developed in the tea market since our last, and quotations have advanced from one to two cents for Japans. Teas quoted from New York last Friday at 26c, were advanced early in the week to 27½c, and have now been entirely withdrawn. Indeed, teas are being shipped from here to New York; local brokers have received instructions to forward all samples of low grade Japans available; an offer has been received for 3,000 packages held here. A number of reasons are advanced for this state of affairs; the fact that low grades of Japans were not generally picked last year, and that there is a consequent scarcity, may largely account for it, while the removal of the 10 per cent. import duty by the American Government, and the passage of an Act prohibiting the importation of exhausted and artificially colored teas, no doubt largely contribute to the increased activity noted. There is no important change in blacks, though there is an improved demand. Coffees are holding a better position than they did, and a general advance of ½ cent in the better grades is reported. Sugars are advanced ½c in yellows, with a slight advance in granulated. Reports from the West Indies indicate that full prices will be obtained for the new crop. The fruit market rules very quiet.

**HARDWARE.**—The iron market is rather flat and prices easier, but local quotations unchanged, latest cable advices report warrants in Glasgow to be 47/60. A few hundred ton lots have been ordered for future delivery, but actual sales here are confined to a few ten ton lots. Tin plates are quiet and prices rather favor buyers. The market cannot be said to be in anything like a settled shape, there are large stocks held in Britain under advance by bankers, &c., and there is a disposition to force these on the market owing to the disturbing effect caused by the probability that the U. S. Government may double the duties on imported tin plates, with the view of encouraging the establishment of tin plate works in the States. Copper is if anything a little easier, last advices by cable quoting £7 for best selected. Tin and lead are unchanged. The general hardware trade is quiet, sales being slow in the country, and remittances are not so good as they ought to be. Bar iron is sold at \$2.15 for round lots; in other lines there is nothing fresh to note.

**LEATHER.**—While matters are not so active as desired, still a fair steady trade is being done, and will likely improve now that the labor troubles in the shoe trade are all settled. Stocks of sole leather are pretty heavy, No. 1, B. A. is quoted at 25 to 27c. No. 2, at 22 to 24c. in other lines there has been no great accumulation; a considerable quantity of splits is being shipped to Britain where very fair prices are being realized and this prevents any piling up of stocks in this line; latest returns show one shilling as the price obtained.

**PROVISIONS.**—The market for hog products is very quiet, and there is little if any recent change in values. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$8.35 to 8.45. Western mess \$21.50 to 22.00; lard, 14 to 14½c; hams, uncovered, 14 to 15c. Butter market is weak, holders being disposed to push sales; in cheese little is doing. Receipts of fresh eggs are small as yet, and 30c or over is freely paid for new laid; limed eggs are quoted at 24c.

**WOOL.**—There has been an improved demand since last report, though trade cannot yet be called active. Prices are still up on the other side and mill men are beginning to realize that they may have to pay higher prices later on, which has caused some of them to enter the market. Some enquiry has been heard from the other side, one house reports an offer for 200 bags at prices which would have been "jumped at" a fortnight ago, but it was declined. Former quotations of domestics are stiffly held, and fine wools are advanced from one quarter to half a

cent. There has been more or less enquiry for wools to be delivered next month, but dealers decline to quote.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 1, 1883.

Business in wholesale circles was quiet during the week. The elections for the Legislature, and the difficulty in getting from place to place in the back country, occasioned by snow blockades, conduced to a quiet week's business. Payments have also been backward in many quarters.

The money market has ruled quiet all week, and rates are unchanged. There is little demand on the part of brokers for money, speculation being very dull, and the purchases of stocks confined to the "shorts." The general rate for call loans on bank stock is 8, and on miscellaneous securities 7½ per cent. Money is plentiful for all commercial wants, but bankers are showing no disposition to take anything but first-class paper at 7 per cent. Renewals are quoted at 7½ to 8. There has been a little ease in sterling exchange, with transactions small; sixty-day bills are quoted at 108½ to 108¾ between banks, and at 109 across the counter, and demand bills at 109½ to 109¾. New York drafts are dull at ½ premium. The stock market has been quieter than usual, fluctuations during the week not exceeding 1 per cent. At the close of last week prices were weak, but since then they have been slightly higher. Montreal sold at 206 to 207½. Ontario at 111½ to 112, Toronto at 182½ to 183, Merchants at 125 to 126, Commerce at 133½ to 134, Imperial at 140½ to 141, Federal at 154½ to 155½, Dominion at 198 to 199, Standard at 114½, and Molsons at 130. North West Land Co. has been firmer with sales at 57s. Western Assurances sold at 143½ and Consumers' Gas at 149.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The shipments of spring goods have been large during the week, but the orders now coming in show a decrease. Travellers still complain of the difficulty in getting about, and a few have returned to start out again in a few weeks. Prices are closely shaded, and remittances are slower than was anticipated.

**CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.**—The week's supply of cattle has been the smallest reported for some time. Friday and Tuesday are the market days, and on account of the election on the latter day not even a car offered for sale. The demand is fair; choice butchers' would bring 5c., ordinary 4½c. and infair 4c. per lb. The receipts of were limited, and prices steady at 5 to 5½c. Lambs in fair demand and firm at 5½ to 6c. per lb. Calves are steady at the same figures of last week, viz., 9c. per lb. dressed weight, and the receipts limited.

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade is quiet this week, orders are chiefly of a sorting up character. Country dealers show no disposition to lay in heavy stocks, and some wholesale merchants here are exercising much care in filling such orders as are received. On the other hand long terms and "dating ahead" are rife; and while almost every one deprecates the latter ugly practice, few refuse to follow it. Caution is shown in placing foreign orders for next season's business. The production of domestic goods is likely to be large, and prudent houses are in no hurry to make heavy purchases at present. Prices are not notably changed. The woollen trade in New York, according to the *Bulletin* of Tuesday, is backward, but duplicate lots of worsted and all wool dress fabrics were being ordered. The clothing trade in the States is found unusually backward, as is the case in Canada, but New Yorkers found a satisfactory improvement last week; while more goods of the better qualities are wanted and less of low priced fabrics. Late advices from Manchester state that the cotton cloth market continues without improvement, buyers holding back. At Bradford the export demand is restricted. The lace trade of Nottingham is fairly active, with no new feature; fine bobbin nets as well as Meehlin & Brussels nets continue to sell well. Trade at Huddersfield is called "disappointing," cheap tweeds alone are in heavy demand. In Leeds, the cheap grades of cloth are quiet and manufacturers will make no concessions on superior fabrics.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The flour market has been less active and less firm than last week. Holders seemed willing to take lower prices, but at the same time were not anxious to sell. There were sales of a few cars of Superior Extra at \$4.70, but yesterday lots offered at \$4.65. Extra offered at \$4.60 with about \$4.50 bid.

Spring Extras purely nominal. There has been a fair enquiry for Bran, prices of which rule firm at \$13 to \$14 for car lots on track. Oatmeal has been quiet and firm, with demand and offerings restricted; car lots of choice are

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By order of the Board.

HUGH SCOTT, Secretary.  
Toronto, Feb. 27, 1883.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the distribution under a trust deed of the estate of James Moore of Arthur. The creditors of James Moore lately carrying on business in the Village of Arthur, in the County of Wellington, as a blacksmith, are hereby notified that the said James Moore has made an assignment of his property real and personal, to George Hudson of the said Village of Arthur Grain Dealer, as trustee for the creditors of the said James Moore generally. And are further notified to deliver their accounts with the vouchers upon which they are based to the said trustee, at his office in the said Village of Arthur, on or before the 9th day of April next. Said trustee will then forthwith proceed to distribute the proceeds of the assets of the said James Moore and will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not have had notice.

Beatty, Chadwick, Thomson & Blackstock,  
Solicitors for the Trustee.  
Dated this 24th day of February.